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CHRISTMAS TREE CUSTOM UPHOLD.

Washington, Dec. 26.—The country's forests again have been called upon to supply about four million Christmas trees, and again many persons have asked themselves and have queried the United States forest service, "Is the custom a menace to the movement for forest preservation?"

In the millions of happy homes over the country where the younger generation has made the Christmas tree the center of play since early Friday morning, there are many mother and fathers who have given the question more or less thought. From Sunday schools and other organizations also, which hold an annual celebration around a gayly trimmed evergreen for the benefit of the little ones, has come the question whether it is consistent to urge conservation of forest resources and then to cut millions of young trees every year to afford a little joy in the passing holiday season.

"Yes, it is consistent and proper that the custom should be maintained," has been the answer of United States Forester Gifford Pinchot in every case. "Trees are for use, and there is no other use to which they could be put which would contribute so much to the joy of man as their use by the children on this one great holiday of the year.

"The number of trees cut for this use each year is utterly insignificant when compared to the consumption for other purposes for which timber is demanded. Not more than four million Christmas trees are used each year, one in every fourth family. If planted four feet apart, they could be grown on less than 1,500 acres. This clearing of an area equal to a good-sized farm each Christmas should not be a subject of much worry, when it is remembered that for lumber alone it is necessary to take timber from an area of more than 100,000 acres every day of the year.

"It is true that there has been serious damage to forest growth in the cutting of Christmas trees in various sections of the country, particularly in the Adirondacks and parts of New England, but in these very sections the damage through the cutting of young evergreens for use at Christmas is infinitesimal when compared with the loss of forest resources through fires and careless methods of lumbering. The proper remedy is not to stop using trees but to adopt wiser methods of use.

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A Close Call.

Tuesday morning, as Mrs. Rosa Froelich rose to dress by the stove, as was her wont, she found the room on fire, and a destructive blaze threatened. Mrs. Abramofsky had started the fire, and then went down stairs to prepare breakfast, when she was summoned by the cries of Mrs. Froelich that the house was on fire. The dwelling is situated on Broadway. Mrs. Abramofsky hastened to the scene, and by the aid of a bucket of water and a sprinkler, managed to extinguish the blaze. It destroyed the curtains, scorched the wall paper, and damaged a few articles in the room. Dr. and Mrs. Gall, who live next door, heard the alarm, and rushed over and rendered assistance in putting out the fire. The house is insured, and James Meehan the agent, promptly had the room repapered throughout in settlement of the loss.

Christmas at the County Hospital.

The program consisted of songs, recitations, readings, music, phonograph selections and song and dance sketches. After nearly two hours of real enjoyment the presents on the tree were distributed, every inmate having been remembered by Santa Claus. On the day previous Mrs. M. A. Tregloan and Mrs. J. Turner went through the residence part of Jackson, and collected \$21.75 with which they bought nuts, candies, oranges, bananas, apples, fancy mixed cookies, handkerchiefs, socks, cigars, etc., which were distributed among the inmates. From personal observation and interviews with different inmates, I commend the efforts being put forth by Mr and Mrs. Lemoin to make the institution a good and suitable home for the aged and infirm homeless people of our county. A Visitor.

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SUPERIOR COURT PROCEEDINGS

The only case that has been filed in the superior court since the 27th of November was a transfer case from the superior court of San Joaquin, the papers of which were filed in this county on the 24th of December, as follows:

Eben V. Vranken vs. Robert Jameson and Lawrence Burke, transacting business as co-partners under the firm name of Jameson & Burke. Action was commenced in San Joaquin county December 4, and afterward on demand of defendants, transferred to Amador county. The complaint alleges that plaintiff is the owner of a certain tract of land in San Joaquin county, upon which was located prior to September 15, 1908, a stack of cut barley, containing 138,600 pounds of barley, besides straw, of the value of \$1813.20. That in September plaintiff engaged defendants to thresh this barley, and on the 15th defendants entered upon this work with a steam threshing outfit, and a straw burning steam engine to operate the same. That the outfit was in a defective, dangerous condition; that incompetent persons were employed to manage the outfit; that sparks from the engine set fire to the stack of barley, which was entirely consumed, except about 40 sacks of barley, which had been threshed and removed. By reason of said fire plaintiff was damaged in the sum of \$1533.60 for which sum plaintiff asks judgment, and for costs of suit. Edward Van Vranken is attorney for plaintiff and C. P. Vicini attorney for defendants. Upon the affidavit of defendants stating that their place of residence was in Amador county, the case was transferred for trial to the superior court of this county.

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Christmas Festival at M. E. Church

In accordance with a custom of many years, a Christmas festival was held in the M. E. church on Christmas eve, for the benefit of the children of the Sabbath school. This year presents were allowed to be placed on the tree by private parties or friends, although this concession was taken advantage of in but a few instances. There was a good attendance of children and adults. There was a short literary program, prior to the distribution of presents. Every child present was made happy in the receipt of some token of remembrance,—a package of candy from the school authorities.

Satisfactory Photographs.

Now that Christmas is over and you have been so bountifully remembered by your friends why not have your "Photo" taken and send one to each of them. It will certainly show your appreciation in a most welcome manner. And when you have your picture taken, come to Logan, the man who makes the "satisfactory kind." You'll find him at his up-to-date studio—15 S. San Joaquin street, Stockton. Prices moderate—workmanship best.

Quail Turned Loose.

Chez Ardito received last Thursday eight dozen quail from Game Commissioner Vogelsang, to be turned loose for stocking purposes in different parts of this county. It was his intention to keep the birds for a few weeks, or until the close of the open season. If they were turned loose at once they would be liable to fall before the hunters, as it was impossible to distinguish the native quail from the imported article. So an effort was made to hold them in a wire inclosure on Court street. But this scheme proved a flat failure. The birds in their efforts to regain their liberty would fly against the wire barricades and cripple or kill themselves. So Ardito concluded to turn them loose at once, as the best thing to do under the circumstances. It is very probable that numbers of these imported birds will be killed before the open season is over. Most of the quail have already been turned loose. From long confinement, they have become comparatively tame, and also being young birds, cannot fly very well, and so become an easy prey to the hunters.

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MINING NOTES.

Original Amador.—At this mine, which lies between the Keystone and the Bunker Hill, they have installed an electric pump, which was started for test purposes on Monday last and found to work satisfactorily. The mine is to be freed from water at once, and prospecting operations inaugurated. The shaft is 800 feet deep, with extensive drifts, so that the matter of taking out the water will consume some weeks. With the old Keystone on the south boundary, which has yielded something like twenty million dollars, and the Bunker Hill on the north, which mine is now surrendering more liberally of gold per ton than any other operating mine in the county, it is believed by those who are opening up the Original Amador, after a period of inactivity of 25 years, that there should be according to logical deduction a dividend paying mine within the limits of this claim.

Keystone.—This old stand-by of half a century is still silent, with no immediate signs of an early resumption of operations. Amador City, although still a lively, bustling town incident to the development of other mines in the vicinity, is divested of this main industry by the suspension of the Keystone. And this old mine is a long way from being played out or exhausted judging from the depth to which the pay ore has been followed in other portions of the mother lode. Below 1500 feet, it is untouched, and between that depth and over 3000 feet, from which levels pay ore is being extracted in the Kennedy, there is ample scope for the Keystone to return to the dividend paying list, and keep therein for another half century. The reopening of the Keystone is merely a matter of time.

South Eureka.—An assessment of five cents per share has been levied upon the capital stock. For nearly twenty years the stockholders have been assessed at short intervals to explore this ground. Sometimes a body of fair grade rock has been encountered to beckon the interested ones to continue the money drain. If ever any set of investors deserved success in a mining venture, on account of persistency in exploration, the South Eureka owners have certainly done so.

The post office at the Gwin mine has been discontinued. There is no immediate prospect of the resumption of work on this erstwhile richest mine on the mother lode.

Kennedy.—The annual meeting of stockholders was held on December 22d. The old directors were re-elected for the ensuing year, also Web Smith unanimously re-elected superintendent.

Married in Stockton.

John Charles Cuneo and Miss Mary E. Andrews were quietly married at the residence of the bride's mother, on Wednesday, December 23. One of the Catholic priests of that city performed the ceremony, in the presence of a number of the relatives and intimate friends of the contracting parties. Both the groom and bride are well known in this county. They were both raised in the vicinity of New York Ranch, the bride being the daughter of the late Ed. Andrews, and the groom a son of John Cuneo, an old resident of above New York Ranch. The bride was the recipient of many costly, useful and ornamental gifts from her many friends. Shortly after the ceremony the happy pair took their departure for Tuolumne county, where they will make their home. Mr Cuneo is employed in a responsible position by the West Side Lumber Company, and has been with them for several months.

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Visit of Archdeacon Swan.

The reverend Archdeacon Geo. E. Swan, of Sacramento, preached in St. Augustine's Episcopal church last Sunday morning, to a good congregation. After the service a conference of those interested in the church was held to reach some understanding, if possible, as to the future. The membership is small, and it has been difficult to keep things moving. A debt of \$200 incumbers the rectory, and this has been a drawback. An understanding was reached to continue the church organization for the present at least, and make an effort to clear the debt from the rectory.

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Wedded in Placerville.

Stephen Leoni jr., and Miss Georgia Nail, a young lady of Grizzly Flat, in El Dorado county, were married on Tuesday afternoon, December 22, at the residence of Mr and Mrs W. H. Seeley, on Nob Hill, Placerville. The Rev. E. J. Brabner performed the ceremony. Mr Leoni is engaged in the cattle business, spending the summer months in the mountain ranges near Grizzly Flat, and the winter season on his valley range in the neighborhood of Clay station in Sacramento county. The newly-wedded couple have fitted up a home at the latter place. The groom is well known in this county, having spent most of his life on the farm between Amador City and Ione.

Hotel Arrivals

Globe: Thursday—E C Shealar, Oleta; Fayette Mace jr., Ione; Edward Tully, San Jose.

Friday—Frank Thompson and wife, Volcano; George Gorebell, Ione.

Saturday—A Ludkins, Pine Grove; O E Kelley, H J Kennedy, San Francisco; Mrs W H Grist, Fort Bragg; Geo O Grist, Indian Reservation; Geo E Markwood, Fosteria; C W Kander, Oakland; Otto Franchoer, John Post, Kennedy Heights; J J Malaspino, Mokelumne.

Sunday—Donald Fisher, Wieland; S Mazzera, Volcano.

Monday—M Hammer, Geo Goodel, Ione; S Row, C Laeke, San Francisco; T Brackett, Harry Kenedy, Ed P Congdon; N Ferrari, Gardnerville; A Yoak, Butte City.

National: Wednesday—Jos Ratto, Sacramento; F B Platt, Conley Station; A R Balmer, Concord; R W Steckel, Hamby Mipe; G B Romano; E S Hopper, Ione; Paul Bernardis, Martell Station.

Friday—F C Viscia, Electra.

Saturday—R M Hill, Electra; Geo E Swan, Sacramento; Franz Jacoby, San Francisco; K Brisco, New York.

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Married in Stockton.

Eugene Devan and Miss Henrietta Griffin were quietly married in Stockton on December 24th. After the wedding they left for San Francisco, where they spent several days, and then repaired to Camp Seco, where they will make their home. Both bride and groom were residents of Jackson until recently, and both have a wide circle of acquaintances in this vicinity. The groom is employed at the Camp Seco copper mine.

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GOMPERS IN CONTEMPT.

Samuel Gompers, John Mitchell, and W. Morrison three labor leaders of the American Federation of Labor, have been sentenced by Judge Wright of the federal court at Washington, to imprisonment for contempt of court in refusing to respect the injunction issued in connection with the boycott of the Buckeye Stove Company. The labor union declared a strike against the company, and to enforce compliance with the demands of the federation the company was declared unfair and the public requested not to patronize the offending concern. The company took the matter to the courts, and secured an injunction intended to lift the ban imposed by the union against their business. The court held that the boycott, and the methods resorted to in its enforcement, were in violation of law. Gompers and his associates, however, declared that the injunction was an infringement of their constitutional rights—of the right of free speech and a free press—and continued to advise the labor men to boycott the products of the company. Hence the court held them guilty of contempt. Gompers was sentenced to imprisonment for one year, Mitchell to nine months, and Morrison to six months. The sentences have raised a great cry throughout labor union circles. The truth is, had the victims been men of less prominence, and unidentified with organized labor, commanding a formidable list of voters, the sentences would have created little or no hostile criticism. They would have been held a righteous vindication of the respect due the processes of the courts.

Petitions have poured upon the president asking him to exercise his authority and pardon the convicted men. It is to be hoped that no hasty action will be taken in this direction. Indeed, the president has stated that he can do nothing until the case has traveled through the courts. An appeal will probably be taken to the supreme court, so that questions involved may be settled by the highest judicial tribunal.

It will devolve upon the Taft administration to decide the proposition of pardoning these men. The incoming president is a man of judicial mind, and he is not likely to upset the decrees of the court unless there are solid grounds for so doing. It is said that neither the convicted men nor the unions will directly ask for the clemency of the president. But protests against the sentences are being sent in by the hundreds, which are intended to accomplish the same result, and without the humiliation of directly appealing for pardon. The manufacturing concerns throughout the country will watch the outcome with keen interest, because of the vital issues at stake to all large employers of labor.

The county clerks have formed an organization. The first convention was held in Sacramento last Saturday, with a fair attendance of these officials from every portion of the state. It has become the custom for the county officials to form a distinct organization, for the furtherance of their own interests, and to influence legislation in that direction. Hence we have the assessors, supervisors, sheriffs, school superintendents, convention, and lastly the county clerks have formed an organization. The chief topic of discussion at the recent gathering of county clerks seems to have been the inflation of their own fees and emoluments. They think they ought to be entitled to a divy of the hunting licenses issued, also of the naturalization fees collected. In other words they believe that every new duty laid upon them by law ought to mean an increase of compensation for the official. This principle will not be indorced by the general taxpayer. As a rule county officials are overpaid, rather than underpaid. And the tendency for years has been to dip deeper into the treasury for official salaries. Every excuse has been taken advantage of to this end. In scarcely a single instance does the fixed salary of the county official represent the sum total of the compensation he draws from the public treasury, notwithstanding when the salary schedule was first established under the present constitution it was intended to include all services then required or thereafter to be required of the official. The taxpayers will view with disfavor these official combinations having for this primary object the bleeding of the taxpayers for the further benefit of county officials.

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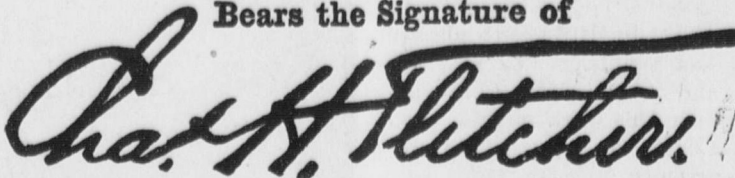
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A Question of Honor.

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Sergeant Brady and his squad of men had been out from Fort Thomas for four days, cutting and placing telegraph poles, when they were fired on by the Sioux. There was a treaty of peace between the white man and the red, but it had been felt for three months past that the latter were getting ready to break it. The sergeant had gone out without instructions what to do in case he was attacked. When he found that he was menaced he did what a veteran captain would have done. He called in his men, scattered for two miles along the line, and threw up defenses and prepared to stand off the Indians until a courier could get through to the fort and return with instructions.

Unfortunately for Sergeant Brady, the regimental adjutant "had it in" for the grizzled old veteran, who had put in twenty years on the frontier and knew all the tricks of the red men. Three or four things had occurred to prove that the adjutant was after the sergeant's stripes, and for weeks the latter had walked the chalk line to defeat the former's plans. When the courier dodged the gathering warriors and reached the fort and reported the commandant was for directing the squad to come in at once, but it was the adjutant who said:

"Sergeant Brady simply reports seeing signs and being fired on. It is some of the young bucks giving him a scare. He's got rattled over nothing. We have no reports of outbreaks."

"He has shown his bravery a score of times, but perhaps he has made too much of this occasion," mused the commandant. "I will order him to hold his position for three days and then report again. I will also caution him not to provoke hostilities."

It was a tight squeak for the courier to return to the little command. The Indians were creeping up on all sides and boasting that there should be a wipe-out. Already there had come a demand for surrender, and hostile bullets had come singing over the defenses. The sergeant read his orders and then assembled his men, read them aloud and said:

"It's the hand of the adjutant, me boys, and it makes no difference to him that the rest of you have got to go down with me. It's rattled I am, is it, after being at the front in a score of shindies with the red devils! We are not to provoke hostilities with 200 copper faced heathen waiting for our scalps!"

Seventy or eighty Indians who had crept as near as they could find cover rose up at a signal and rushed the breastwork of brush and limbs and bowlders. The seven concentrated their fire on the rush and broke it. Twenty redskins lay dead when the living retreated.

"Take a long breath and do a little smiling, me boys," said the sergeant as he turned over and sat up. "That's a thing we might brag about at the post if any of us were to get there. We are going to get value received, but don't forget what the end is to be. If there were twenty of us and we had two guns apiece it would still be the same. Rafferty, what place in the old country is responsible for that mug of yours?"

"The city of Dublin, as far as I can remember," was the reply.

"I've been there myself and can't say too much in honor of the town. If you're an old mother back there you might do a bit of praying before our friends make another move. O'Grady, did you bring that red hair of yours all the way across the big water?"

"Indeed, sarge, but I did. It was colored for me in the county of Tipperary."

"The Indian who gets your scalp lock will be mighty proud of the same. O'Mears, are ye thinking of that sweet-heart of yours back there in New York city?"

"That's what I am, Sergeant Brady. I'm thinking how much more decent it would have been of me to catch the smallpox and die within sound of her wailing."

"Well, laugh and smile over it just the same. McGraw, I'm thinking I see a wetness about your eyes. Have ye been rubbing at them with some fine cut tobacco?"

"Not at all, sarge, but curse the man who held us here to be wiped out!"

"It don't need no vote to see that we all think alike on that, but it's no time for tears. We've been put on our honor, and we are going to die with smiles on our faces. Whist, but they have bullets to spare around us!"

The Indians had completely encircled the little band, and for half an hour they poured in such a rain of bullets that every spot within the defenses was searched. Rafferty and O'Grady were killed and Sullivan and O'Mears desperately wounded before it ceased.

"Four from seven leaves three," said the sergeant as he rose to his knees and looked around. "The next move is to die smiling, me boys. They'll come with whoops and yells and be over the breastwork in a jiffy. Down we'll go under the crush, but some day the boys back at the post will learn that we did our best. Get ready—they're coming!"

"Dead—all of them!" said a captain as he looked over the defenses two days later. "Who was it that called it a false alarm? Who said that Sergeant Brady was losing his nerve?"

"See there, sir!" said one of the men as he pointed to the sergeant.

And all saw that the battle scarred old veteran had died with a smile on his face! M. QUAD.

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Descriptive Article

Amador county comprises an area of 548 square miles. It lies on the western slope of Sierra Nevada mountains, and embraces within its territory all the diversity of valley, foothill, and high mountainous lands.

Climate.—The climate of the populous portions of the county is as genial and healthful as can be found anywhere in California. As climate is one of the most valuable assets of this favored state in attracting population, Amador stands second to no county in this regard. It should, and no doubt will in time, when its climatic advantages are more thoroughly understood and appreciated, become a health resort not only for those in less favored states, but for the residents of other parts of California. The temperature alone the central portion rarely falls below 30 degrees above zero in winter, and as rarely rises to 100 degrees in the summer. Snow seldom falls in the settled districts, and never remains on the ground for more than a few hours. Of course, in the high mountain regions of eastern Amador the snowfall is very heavy—which is characteristic of the entire Sierra Nevada range. The summer season is always accompanied with cool nights; permitting of sound, refreshing slumber. Fogs are rare, cyclones are unknown, thunderstorms are infrequent.

Gold Mining.—The county, although rich in other sources of wealth, comparatively untouched, is noted principally for her quartz mines. The deepest gold mines in America are located here. The Kennedy mine is now taking gold in liberal quantities from quartz extracted from a depth of over 3000 feet below the surface, with every indication that the pay ore extends to a much greater depth. Since the discovery of gold, the county has contributed fully \$100,000,000 to the world's supply of the precious metal. The mines are still yielding at the rate of about two million dollars annually. Nearly all of this wealth is produced by eight or ten mines operating on what is called the "mother lode," stretching clear across the county in a north-easterly direction a distance of twenty miles. The mines aggregate between 400 and 500 stamps, and furnish employment for over 1000 miners. This industry is still in its infancy. The unexplored territory, even along the main gold belt, is far in excess of the ground that has actually been worked or prospected. The county offers to-day one of the most inviting fields to be found anywhere in the world for the investment of capital in the fascinating business of gold mining, not alone along the mother lode, but also in the almost untouched mineralized country of the east belt, some ten or twelve miles from the main lode.

Besides gold, we have copper, deposits of pottery, coal, marble, slate, limestone, granite, and soapstone or talc—all undeveloped.

Agricultural Capabilities.—The agricultural possibilities equal, if not excel, the mineral riches. The valley lands will produce anything that can be grown in the most favored sections. In the foothill lands all kinds of deciduous fruits thrive; also all kinds of vegetable are raised where irrigation is practicable along the numerous water courses. Further up in the mountains, at an altitude of 2000 to 2500 feet, the soil is admirably adapted for apples and potatoes. A ready market for many times the quantity now raised of these commodities can be found in the various mining towns.

Grape culture and winemaking are becoming important industries, both the grapes and wine commanding a better price than the product of the lowland.

Land is cheap compared with other California lands. Improved farms may be secured for one-fourth the price current in some places. Unimproved lands can be had from \$5 to \$10 per acre. It does not require a fortune to buy a small ranch. There is room for a large addition to our agricultural population. Vast tracts now devoted to cattle ranges might be made the homes of hundreds of prosperous farmers.

Amador has a population of less than 12000. Three fourths of this is concentrated in a strip of three miles above and below the mineral belt.

Jackson, the county seat, has about 2500 inhabitants, and is an incorporated city of the sixth class. Other towns are Sutter Creek, Amador City, Drytown, Plymouth, Volcano, Pine Grove and Oleta. Ione City is the metropolis of the valley section, a thriving town of 1000 inhabitants.

The community is law-abiding. Educational facilities are excellent. A schoolhouse is within easy reach of nearly every family. There is one high school, located at Ione.

The assessment roll for 1907 is \$5.-800,793, and the tax rate for both state and county purposes \$2 on the \$100.

The Southern Pacific has a branch railroad running to Ione. From this point the Ione and Eastern railroad extends 14 miles further to the mining section.

The various religious denominations and fraternal organizations are well represented.

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When Ned Pike, cowboy, rode up to the ranch of Franklin Dolbeare on the evening of the 10th of October, 1889, he found trouble in the household. Dolbeare was a consumptive who had gone from the east with his wife and two little children to live in Colorado in the hope of regaining his health. The cause of the trouble was Jim Newell. That's all any one ever knew about it. Why Newell was bent on killing Dolbeare was a secret that neither gave out. Anyway every one sympathized with Dolbeare, first, because he was a pleasant, mild mannered man; second, because he was sick, and, third, because he had the loveliest wife in the world and two of the prettiest children. Pike, who had been sent for by Mrs. Dolbeare, found that lady waiting for him in the living room.

"Ned," she said, "Newell has written Frank a letter saying that he will shoot him on sight unless he consents to a more regular way of meeting. I got the letter, opened it and haven't said anything to Frank about it. For heaven's sake try and get rid of Newell without letting Frank know. In his condition he isn't able to think about it, much less stand up and fight."

"It wouldn't be fight. It would be murder," said Pike.

"Can't you do something?" Pike took some tobacco from his pocket, rolled a cigarette, lighted it, gave a few thoughtful puffs and said:

"How long has Newell been up here?"

"He came yesterday."

"Ever been in these parts before?"

"Not that I know of."

A few more deliberate puffs.

"Just you don't worry, Mrs. Dolbeare, and don't say anything to anybody. I'll see what can be done."

With that he went out, mounted his horse and rode away. Later, after making inquiries as to where Newell might be found, he rode up to an adobe house where he saw his man sitting on the porch.

"Mr. Newell?" he asked.

"Yes?" said the other, with a slight start and placing his hand where he could more easily grasp his revolver.

"I've got a message for you from Franklin Dolbeare. He'll meet you tomorrow morning just before sunup."

"All right. When? Where?"

"You stayin' here?"

"Yes."

"Well, you start from here with one six shooter at 5 o'clock exactly and walk up the road. On the way you'll meet your man with another six shooter. You can crack away as soon as you like. He'll do the same. Is that satisfactory?"

"Yes; that suits me as well as any way."

Late that night Pike rode up to the ranch and asked Mrs. Dolbeare for a suit of her husband's clothes.

She gave him what he wanted with anxious inquiry in her face, but asked no questions. Pike gave her no information. Before daylight the next morning he had shaved off his beard and put on Dolbeare's suit. Then he drew his sombrero over his eyes, looked at the clock, examined his revolver and started at a slow pace down the road.

It was a cloudless, crisp autumn morning. The altitude was 7,000 feet above sea level, and the neighboring peaks stood out clear cut against the slowly lighting sky. Presently the cowboy squatted behind a bush at the side of the road, waited and watched. Ten minutes later Newell turned a bend and appeared plainly in sight. Pike waited. Newell came on. Suddenly Pike left the bush and appeared in the road. The moment Newell saw him he raised his revolver and fired, but without effect. Then he fired two more shots, and as he saw his enemy still advance unharmed he appeared to be astonished. But at that moment Pike fired a shot. This drew another from Newell, making four. Pike fired two shots in succession and Newell fired one.

Pike now had three shots in his revolver to Newell's one. Pike stopped and appeared to be taking a deliberate aim. His enemy, fearing he would this time surely be hit, fired his last shot.

Then Pike, who had been walking slowly, increased his pace. Newell, throwing away his empty revolver, put his hand to his hip, drew another and began a rapid fusillade.

"The hound!" muttered Pike between his teeth.

It was evident that Newell had lost his head. It was not surprising that he should. He had fired nearly a dozen shots, any one of which he felt sure when he fired it would bring down his man. Yet that man kept advancing, apparently getting no nearer. But presently the shots began to whistle about Pike's head, though so great was his enemy's agitation that none of them told. Suddenly Pike stood still, took deliberate aim and shot his man through the forehead.

While Mrs. Dolbeare was dressing for breakfast she was told that Pike wished to see her. Throwing on a wrapper, she went to meet him with a pale face and inquiring eyes.

"It's all right, Mrs. Dolbeare," he said.

"How? What is it?"

"Oh, it was easy enough. When these chaps come up here they don't know anything about our distances. They don't calculate on the thinness of the atmosphere. When they see a barn a mile off they think they're going to walk right in at the door."

"But Newell? What of him?"

"Oh, he's dead! I shot him this morning before sunup."

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ITEMS WORTHY OF PERUSAL

What a lot of things people hide from each other!

It always amuses a woman to see a man fan himself.

Do you get yours in your stocking or under your plate?

Did any person ever thoroughly understand another?

There is not a particle of sense back of a great deal of hope.

We don't like people who are always fussing about hard times.

No man would listen to you talk if he didn't know it was his turn next.

Everybody seems to be doing pretty well this year except W. J. Bryan.

About the only heirloom [most people know anything about is the mortgage.

Men and women who have been brought up as pets, are always disagreeable.

When a man exhausts every other method of getting rid of a thing, he raffles it off.

Women who want to marry should keep the fact quiet; men hate a husband hunter.

About the only satisfaction poorly married women have is that they are not old maids.

The small the woman, the larger the hat she looks at when she goes into a millinery store.

The woman who only powders, feels mighty superior to the one who also paints her cheeks.

A woman who can make root beer is as proud of it as a man who can handle a shotgun well.

It has been decided that "swell people" is ungrammatical. It should be "swelled," or "swollen."

When the devil is finally caught, we have a strong suspicion that he will turn out to be a man.

Just before Christmas, a woman sits up late at night to make things for her best man he won't wear.

A bald-headed man makes a good deal better appearance than a man with a whole lot of bushy hair.

We have remarked that when we hear a stranger heralded as "good company," we are disappointed.

About the time a man reaches 50, he begins seeing insults in the papers to the effect that he is an old man.

Usually, when a mother prays for help for a profligate son, a son who has worked hard answers her prayer.

There should be fewer warships built in time of peace, and more homes for old people neglected by their kin.

Some men's [systems of reform closely resemble a boy's method of driving cattle: to "holler" as loudly as possible.

As much pleasure as there is in being with old and tried friends there is a certain delight in meeting strangers: They are not familiar with your jokes.

Speaking of old-fashioned things, what has become of the old-fashioned barlow knife, which was given a boy to keep him from screaming for a real knife?

If a man is to late at night, it is good protection to have a woman along. A woman has a way of screaming that curdles a highwayman's blood.

The man who goes to work early may think he is the early bird, but before he is half way through life, and has met disappointments, he decides he is the worm.

We should think a preacher would enjoy this glad holiday season: The sisters he meets on the streets have their hands so full of bundles that he is relieved from shaking hands with them.

FROM OUR

CORRESPONDENTS

Correspondents Wanted

We want a regular correspondent in Amador, Drytown, Plymouth and Volcano. We will send a daily paper free, also stationery supplies and stamps to any one who will act as correspondent in each of the above places. Let us hear from you. We want the news.

IONE.

Dec. 23.—Quite an excitement was caused in town the other evening when the alarm of fire rang out in the air. A crowd soon hastened to the scene, but it proved to be the old China wash house, which had been uninhabited for some time. A couple of tramps had sought refuge there for the night and in some unknown way the old timbers caught fire. One man had his hair pretty well singed before he made his escape, but otherwise no serious damage resulted.

Herbert Bennetts, who for the past year has been employed in a store in San Jose, is shaking hands with old friends here this week.

Lawrence Prouty returned from Utah last Wednesday night, to spend Christmas with the folks.

Last Saturday's train brought home all who have been away attending schools at the normals, universities and various other schools of learning.

Mr and Mrs Wm. McClosky came up from San Francisco Monday, to spend Christmas with the latter's mother and father, Mr and Mrs Geo. Mack.

DRYTOWN.

Dec. 26.—The Misses Grace, Margaret and Della Carley are at home spending their holiday vacation with their parents, Mr and Mrs A. J. Carley.

Miss Portia Griffith, who is attending high school in Sacramento, came up Sunday evening to spend Christmas with her grandmother, Mrs S. J. Worley.

Mrs V. Ramos and her sister, Miss Agnes Hodge, are visiting their sister, Mrs J. Donovan.

Frank Mann has returned from Uno, where he has been visiting for a few days. There must be some attraction there because he visits the place frequently.

Mrs Milton Dickerman and daughter, Gladys, returned from Jackson one day last week, where they went to be present at Mrs Dickerman's father's 80th birthday.

On Wednesday evening December 23, a very enjoyable entertainment and Christmas tree was given by the school children of this place under the personal direction of Misses Lillie Williams and Bertha Marchand. The entertainment consisted of songs, recitations, dialogues, and a drill. After all was over Old Saint Nick appeared and distributed the presents between the old and young. After Saint Nick disappeared the hall was cleared for dancing. Music was furnished by L. Smith and Mrs Hamaker. All left in the early hours after having a jolly good time.

A Friend.

OLETA.

Dec. 28.—We are suffering from the coldest weather ever known here for years. It is cloudy now and threatening rain, which we would be glad to see instead of such cold nights and heavy frosts.

Mr and Mrs Jack Hite are expected home after a visit to the city, where Mr Hite went to have his lip attended to. It has been bothering him considerable of late.

Elvin Shealor one of our popular young men of Oleta, and Miss A. Dugan of Plymouth, were married Christmas. We wish them a long and happy life. They are going to make their home in Jackson, where he has employment.

H. Schroeder is on the improve, being better than he has been for some time past.

Mrs T. Lott has been running the hotel since Mrs Hite has been away.

Frank Clark has gone to Sacramento on a week's visit with relatives and friends.

Joseph Pigeon made a flying trip to Sacramento last week.

Geo. Yager Jr., of Ione, was a visitor at Claud Wilson's a few days of last week.

Mr Foraster is up on a visit to his children, and to spend the holidays.

Miss Dott Shealor is home again from her visit to Volcano.

The Christmas tree and entertainment given Christmas eve by Mrs F. C. Ginn, was well attended, although Santa did not make his appearance he left an abundance of toys and presents. The little children really did justice to their training.

Pansy.

SHENANDOAH VALLEY.

Dec. 23.—The recent very severe cold snap has at last dissolved in a gentle rain to the infinite relief of its victims. Considerable damage was done to gardens by the freezing weather, with but one or two exceptions the worst known here.

T. D. Davis returned Wednesday from Jackson, where he had been to attend the sessions of the board of education.

F. A. Ball of the Sutter Creek school, came home last Monday to spend the holiday vacation.

Miss Mabel Wilson of Williams school, went to Lodi last Saturday for her vacation.

Mr and Mrs Williams have been visiting the latter's parents, Mr and Mrs C. H. Smith.

Mr and Mrs J. H. McMillan of Santa Cruz, were visiting relatives in the valley last week. Mr McMillan was formerly a resident of the valley, and was here to complete the sale of his ranch.

Mr Strong of San Andreas, has purchased the Rickey and Mr McMillan ranches in the valley and will bring his family here to live in the near future.

Williams school closed Friday afternoon for the holidays. Miss Wilson and her pupils arranged a program appropriate to the season, and a number of visitors were present to enjoy the afternoon. Each of the pupils received a box of candies as a gift from the teacher.

The Correct Time

to stop a cough or cold is just as soon as it starts—then there will be no danger of pneumonia or consumption. Just a few doses of Ballard's Horehound Syrup taken at the start will stop the cough. If it has been running on for sometime the treatment will be longer, but the cure is sure. Sold by Ruhser's City Pharmacy.

SUTTER CREEK.

Dec. 24.—Mrs W. Orchard left Wednesday morning enroute to Nevada City, to enjoy a Christmas dinner with her husband.

Edward Jones came up from Vallejo Saturday evening, his daughter, Miss Jennie Jones, from Oakland, accompanied him. They will remain until after the Christmas tide.

Mr and Mrs Z. Smith of Berkeley, came up to spend the holidays at the family residence, with the latter's mother, Mrs Toman, and relatives.

A Christmas tree for the M. E. church children with appropriate exercises will be held tonight at the church. The children of the Episcopal church enjoyed a Christmas party last Monday afternoon at the residence of Mrs Gunsolas, given by the teachers. The Christmas tree was given the children at the residence of Mrs W. Rose this afternoon. The Catholic tree was held at the Catholic parsonage this afternoon.

Mrs John Golden of Los Angeles, arrived here last Friday, to spend the holiday season with her sister, Mrs V. W. Norton.

Mrs Ed. Cramer and family of Stockton, are here to spend the holidays with her mother and brothers, Mrs H. Deacon and sons.

The incoming stage has been crowded every evening this past week with relatives and friends returning home for the holidays.

Saturday evening W. Proctor, Mrs Proctor and little daughter, with Miss C. Solari, came up from Oakland.

Saturday evening the Misses Enid Nixon and Mary Trenaman returned from Stockton, where they had been attending high school. Miss Ruth Richards of Stockton, accompanied Miss Trenaman and will be her guest during the holidays.

James Riley and family went to Shenandoah Wednesday, to spend the holidays at the old homestead with Mrs Riley's parents, Mr and Mrs Rickey.

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Any Pharis, left Tuesday morning en route to Sacramento, to visit with their daughter and sister, Mrs N. Pratt.

Professor F. Ball went to Shenandoah Monday to remain until the New Year with the home folks.

Dr. Delucchi and wife, Dan Ramezotti and wife and Mrs E. Wadge spent Christmas day in Volcano with Dr. Delucchi's parents and family.

Mr and Mrs F. W. Morrish and little daughter Marjorie, of San Francisco, arrived here Thursday evening to spend Christmas holidays with their family, Mr and Mrs T. Simmons and relatives.

Mrs T. Bovinich died in the Stockton asylum last Thursday, after being an inmate for about five years. The unfortunate woman leaves a husband and one child. She was 25 years of age, and the remains were shipped to this place last Friday. The funeral was held from the Catholic church Sunday afternoon.

Mike Connors and family from Sacramento, and his sister, Mrs Agnes Templeton, of San Francisco, arrived here Thursday evening, to spend Christmas with relatives.

Mrs Woodworth of Yuba City, was among the arrivals this evening, to spend the Christmas with her mother, Mrs Fagan, and family.

Tom Trudgeon Jr., is home from Tonopah, to remain until after the new year with his relatives.

Mrs Julia Harlan has gone to Sacramento, to spend the holidays.

Mrs Martin Schnabel and daughter, Doretta, arrived Thursday evening from New Castle, to visit during the holiday season with Mrs Schnabel's sister, Mrs Chas Norton. Sutterite.

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Office of the City Tax Collector of the City of Jackson County of Amador, State of California,

Public notice is hereby given that the following is the delinquent tax list of the city of Jackson for the year 1908, containing the name of the person and a description of the property delinquent, and the amount of taxes and costs due opposite the name of the person delinquent, with the taxes due on personal property added to the taxes due on real estate, where the real estate is liable therefor, or where several taxes are due from the same person, to wit:

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And further notice is hereby given that unless the said taxes delinquent, together with costs and percentages, are paid, the real property above described, upon which such taxes are a lien, will on Saturday, the 9th day of January, 1909, at the hour of 11 o'clock a. m., in front of the City Tax Collector's office in the Marella building on Court street, Jackson, California, be sold to the city of Jackson, under the provisions of Ordinance No. 14 entitled, "An ordinance providing a system for the assessment, levy and collection of city taxes" passed and approved on the 8th day of February, 1906.

GEORGE M. HUBERTY,
City Tax Collector.
Dated, December 17, 1908.

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Notice for Publication.--0725.

Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at Sacramento, Cal., Nov. 21, 1908.

Notice is hereby given that Charles H. Huot, of Sutter Creek, Calif., who, on Dec. 30, 1901, made H. E. No. 7195, for S½ of SW¼ SW¼ of SE¼ Sec. 33, T. 8 N., and lot 2, Section 4, Township 7 N., Range 14 E., Mount Diablo Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make final year proof to establish claim to the land above described, before the U. S. Commissioner for Amador county, at his office in Jackson, Calif., on the 2nd day of January, 1909.

Claimant names as witnesses: Samuel Lessley, Arthur E. Lessley and Louis Miller of Volcano, Calif.; Felix Huot, of Sutter Creek, Calif. JOHN F. ARMSTRONG, Register.

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If you have been unable to find a Suitable Present, call and I will try and get it for you.

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Jackson, Cal.

TEMPERATURE AND RAINFALL

This table gives the highest and lowest temperature in Jackson for each day, together with the rainfall, as recorded by self-registering instruments kept at the Ledger office.

Date.	Temp. L. H.	Rainfall	Date.	Temp. L. H.	Rainfall
Dec. 1, 1908	34 57		Dec. 17	29 55	
2	37 51	.27	18	25 65	
3	42 69	.74	19	25 57	
4	41 55	.74	20	27 55	
5	42 66	.25	21	25 55	
6	34 65		22	27 52	
7	35 63		23	30 51 0.05	
8	35 63		24	30 51	
9	35 61	.27	25	31 50	
10	38 66		26	30 62	
11	32 69		27	28 50	
12	30 66		28	32 45	
13	35 64		29	31 45	
14	41 57	.10	30	31 59	
15	27 58		31	36 54	
16	29 45	.30			

Total rainfall for season to date .518 inches
To corresponding period last season .415

Ledger Roll of Honor.

The following sums have been received as subscriptions to the Ledger during the past month. This acknowledgment is equal to a receipt for the sums named. If any have paid whose names do not appear on this list, they will oblige by promptly notifying this office:

W Plunkett \$2.75	W O Clark \$2.00
B F Taylor 2.90	N Armstrong 2.00
Miss Armistead .50	N Marulovich 2.00
J J Nichols 2.00	J C McBeth 2.50
A Cottel 2.00	L Veglia 2.00
L Galli 2.50	Mrs Christenson 5.00
J Walton 1.50	Robert Read 5.00
J S Davis 2.00	T K Norman 2.00
A Jones 4.00	D Giannini 2.00
John Harker 2.50	F Thomson 2.00
W Scoble 2.00	P Jorter 1.00
D B Spagnoli 9.00	J F Goodman 4.00
H A Goodman 2.00	T Delucchi 2.00
H Bradley 2.00	L Vaira 2.00
Geo Murphy 1.00	C Wilson 2.00
P Labadie 2.00	G H James 2.50
Jas Garibaldi 2.50	H Schrader 2.75
T J Hightower 4.00	Opie Harper 2.00
R W Stewart 26.00	Geo O Grist 2.00
R W Ketcham 2.00	I W Winans 2.50
A Lukekins 2.00	Mrs H Deacon 2.00
Web Smith 7.50	Mrs Mettler 2.50
A McLaughlin 7.00	N P Williams 2.00

LOCAL NEWS

J. F. Wilson, Dentist. Hours 9 a. m. to 5 p. m. Phone—Office, black 441; residence, Black 394; Jackson.

James Maddern, who has been in San Francisco for several weeks for medical treatment, returned last week, much improved in health.

Mr and Mrs Jansen and son from Lincoln, Placer county, are spending the holidays with Mrs Wallace Kay. Mrs Jansen's mother.

Costumes for the masked ball in great variety on display at Odd Fellows hall, banquet room.

Ernest Spagnoli came up from the city Thursday of last week for the Christmas holidays. He is the attorney for Wilson, accused of poisoning Rose in San Francisco, whose preliminary examination is set for January 5. He left a brother attorney named Gardiner to look after the preliminary examination in the event of his absence.

George Harker came up from Alameda Thursday, to spend the Christmas vacation with his relatives in this city.

Turkeys this Christmas, in the local market, sold for 25 cents per pound dressed, and 20 cents undressed. This is about the top notch in this section for many years.

Miss Kate Driscoll from Lodi, spent the Christmas vacation with her parents at Scottsville. She is employed as a teacher in the public schools of that growing valley town. She returned Monday for the purpose of attending the teachers' institute of San Joaquin county, which meets in San Jose in connection with the state institute.

LOST.—In Jackson, December 18, a lady's gold watch and pin, the latter being engraved with the initials "K. D." The finder will be suitably rewarded upon leaving the same at the Ledger office.

Remember the grand masquerade ball by Ursula Parlor N. D. G. W., in Love's hall New Year's eve.

The man's store that treats you right Thorp & Conway, No. 435 E. Main street, Stockton, Calif.

A Chapter of Accidents.

On Tuesday of last week Nick Mattes, an employe of the Jackson Brewery, met with a painful accident. He was attending to his duties in the brewing department, when in some unexplained manner he became entangled in the belting of a portion of the machinery and before he was aware of the danger his leg was drawing between the belting and shaft crushing and spraining it badly. He has been confined to his bed since the mishap under the care of Dr. Endicott. No bones were broken although the strain will probably take as long to recover from as a fracture. He is doing nicely under the circumstances.

On the 26th of December G. Secol, a miner working in the Kennedy, was struck by a piece of rock, fracturing two bones near the right ankle. He was working in the stope, when a loose piece fell from above, and inflicted the injury described. He was removed to his boarding house at the California hotel, where he is under the care of Dr. Gall. It will take some weeks before he will be able to return to work.

A boy named John Dondero, last Monday, had a fall, resulting in the fracture of two bones in the wrist of the right arm. He is under the care of Dr. Sprague.

On the 22d December, Milan Pelovich, a miner of the Argonaut, was struck in the eye by a small piece of rock. He did not at the time consider it serious enough to seek the advice of a doctor, and continued to work for a couple of days thereafter. By this time the optic had become so painful and inflamed that he was compelled to consult a surgeon. It was found that the cornea was cut and the eye had become ulcerated. It is reported that he went over to Plymouth to see Dr. Boyson, a specialist in such cases.

The Ross Case.

William Ross, the new tailor, and his wife, who were arrested on the complaint of J. D. Mason for having surreptitiously taken a deed to two lots in Stockton from the possession of Mason and having the same recorded in San Joaquin county, are still in jail. Bail was fixed in the sum of \$1500 each, and so far they have been unable to secure the necessary bondsmen. The case has elicited much comment. The deed upon which the complaint is based, was made out in the name of Mary Brilliant, the maiden name of Mrs Ross, under an agreement of sale, which was subsequently nullified, Mason taking back his deed and surrendering Ross's check given in payment therefor. This deed has been sent for from the recorder's office of San Joaquin, as evidence in the case. W. G. Snyder has been engaged to defend the accused pair.

Mrs Ross was released on bonds Wednesday afternoon, with W. G. Snyder and T. J. Burrow jr., as sureties.

The preliminary examination in the cases has been set for next Wednesday.

Finger Mashed.

An Austrian miner named Geo. Okasovich, was the victim of a severe accident while working in the Zeila mine on Monday last. He was a timberman, and an ax in the hands of his partner struck him on the index finger of his right hand breaking the bones, and inflicting an ugly wound. Six pieces of bone were taken from the wound by Dr. Sprague. It will take several weeks before he is able to resume work.

Officers Installed.

Frank Dietrich, grand commander of the Royal Arch, visited the Jackson lodge of this order on Monday last, for the purpose of installing officers for the ensuing year. The following named were duly installed: P. V. Com., W. O. Green; V. C. J. J. Dalo; Lieu. V. C., V. F. Rocco; orator, Frank Podesta; treasurer, John Chinn; recorder, H. E. Kay; M. of C., C. E. Reynolds; captain of guard, F. Smeich; Tyler, F. J. Hewitt; trustees, F. Smeich, C. E. Reynolds, W. O. Green and J. Belluzzi; finance committee, V. F. Rocco, C. E. Reynolds, F. Podesta.

A man was going around town a few days ago begging postage stamps. When he gathered a sufficient quantity he would sell or exchange them for food or drink. He was taken into custody for a short period, to teach him better manners.

Urban Spagnoli came up Wednesday from Oakland, to spend a few days with his folks.

The drawing for the vase of Miss Carrie Anthony will take place at Bierce's shoe store to-night (Thursday) at 8:30.

Subscriptions are being solicited for the capital stock of a new bank to be started in Sutter Creek, to be controlled by local capitalists. J. E. Dye is taking an active part in the matter, and expects to hold a responsible position in connection with the proposed bank.

DOCUMENTS RECORDED.

[The following instruments have been filed for record in the recorder's office since our last report. We publish a complete list of documents recorded, and must decline to accede to any request to suppress any document from these columns. Don't ask us to do so.]

Deeds.—Jesse E. Wilson to Agnes L. Wilson, the Mugford dwelling at Kennedy Flat, love and affection.

James F. Peek et ux to John Keast, 100 acres in 34-7-11, \$10.

William C. Rice to John Keast, 200 acres in 10 and 11-6-11, \$10.

Apollonia Mazzera to Sylvester Mazzera, 160 acres in 25-7-12, \$100.

Clorinda Mazzera, to Sylvester Mazzera, 160 acres in 25-7-12, \$100.

Frank Mazzera to Sylvester Mazzera, 160 acres in 25-7-12, \$10.

P. H. Zappettini et ux to Sylvester Mazzera, 50 acres in 26-7-12, and 160 acres in 25-7-12, \$600.

Ione Coal & Iron Co. to T. H. Gartlip, 7 acres near Preston School, \$10.

Patrick McGuire to Mary A. Brannan, 60 acres near Irish Hill, love and affection.

Frank J. Solinsky et ux to Amador Central Railroad Co., all real property, franchises, right of way and equipment of Ione & Eastern R. R. \$10.

L. J. Glavinovich, trustee to Chris Degovich, 5 acres near Jackson Gate, \$2500.

Certificates of Redemption—Mrs S. H. Hall, an undivided $\frac{1}{2}$ interest in 160 acres in 8-7-12, 120 acres in 17-7-12, and 100 acres in 16-7-12, taxes of 1907, \$17.27.

Mrs H. L. Stranmann on 160 acres in 24-7-12 and 19 and 30-7-13, taxes of 1898, 1899, 1900 and 1901, \$35.22.

Order—In the matter of R. V. Koyovich, bankrupt, sale of 5 acres of land near Jackson Gate to Chris Begovich, confirmed.

Patents—U. S. to James F. Peek, 100 acres in 31-7-11 as agricultural land.

U. S. to Josiah McKindley, 121 95-100 acres in 30-7-12 as agricultural land.

U. S. to David B. Rice, 160 acres in 3 and 10-6-11 as agricultural land.

U. S. to William C. Rice, 40 acres in 11-6-11 as agricultural land.

Proofs of Labor.—L. Cassinelli on Sam Peter quartz claim, Volcano district.

John J. Hall on Diana, Giurlana, Kaybe and Summit quartz mines, Volcano district.

Elmer Evans on Colombo gravel claim, Volcano district.

George Preston on Arizona quartz claim, Volcano district.

Steve Ferrari on Porto Fino quartz claim, Jackson district.

Steve Ferrari on Canyon quartz claim, Jackson.

John C. Reeves on A. and B. quartz claim, Plymouth district.

George Slavich on East Pacific quartz claim, Plymouth district.

Tim Berene on the J. Boomershire quartz claim, Volcano district.

Thos. Mahan on Hammer placer in 28-7-9.

L. Cassinelli & Bros. on Columbus placer, Volcano district.

Stricken With Paralysis

Word was received by Mrs Opie Harper, by letter from Mrs Waltenspiel, of Berkeley, that about two weeks ago her husband, G. A. Waltenspiel, was seized with a stroke of paralysis. The attack was slight, and at the time of writing the letter, just before Christmas—he was able to be around, and the use of the arm principally affected, was returning. Mr. Waltenspiel and wife were residents of Jackson for a number of years. They left here six or seven years ago for San Francisco, where Mr. Waltenspiel held a responsible position as druggist in Langfeld's pharmacy before and after the great fire. Recently he built a nice residence in Berkeley, whether they moved after the great disaster. They had become settled in their new home, and comfortably situated in every way. Their many friends in Jackson will deeply regret to hear of this misfortune, and indulge the hope that Mr. Waltenspiel will quickly and fully recover.

Eggs For Hatching.

Single comb White Leghorn eggs per sitting of 15, \$1; 85 per 100 chicks. Hatched to order \$10 per 100. Address Palm Poultry Farm, J. Johnson, proprietor, Ione, Cal. dec. 11, 4-m

For Eczema, Tetter and Salt Rheum

The intense characteristic of these ailments is almost instantly allayed by Chamberlain's Salve. Many severe cases have been cured by it. For sale by Jackson Drug Store, Spagnoli, Prop.

Costumes for the masquerade ball will be on display in the banquet hall of the Odd Fellows hall, a few days preceding the ball.

Preliminary Hearing.

The preliminary examination of Checko Pistinak, charged with grand larceny, in stealing from a house of ill-fame, a diamond ring, valued at over \$50, was partially had on Monday. The hearing was thereupon continued until Saturday next.

STILL IN THE FRONT

For full lines of clothing, shoes, drygoods, gloves, silks, laces, embroideries, ladies' waists and ties, and corsets, all of which will be sold to the people of Amador county for less than any house in the state, taking out the expenses and express charges.

SHOW'S CASH STORE

Sutter Creek - California

SCHOOL APPORTIONMENT.

Jackson, Cal., Dec. 22, '08.

To the Boards of Trustees of Amador county.

Ladies and Gentlemen:—

Following is a report of the first apportionment of county money for the public schools of Amador county, for the school year commencing July 1, '08.

The county auditor reports to me that there is \$11443.31 for apportionment, to this sum has been added the balance remaining in the unapportioned county fund \$25.37, which gave a total of \$11468.68, and of this amount I have apportioned \$11321.84, leaving a balance of \$146.84, in the unapportioned county fund.

The next apportionment will be of state money and will be made in January, 1909.

Joint districts—Bridgeport, Middle Bar and Pigeon Creek.

Very respectfully,

W. H. GREENHALGH,
Superintendent of Schools of Amador Co., Cal.

NAME OF DISTRICT.	Number of Teachers in the District.	Library Fund. (Please record)	County Fund. (Please record)	Official Journal Fund. (Do not record)
1. Aetna.....	1	\$17.90	\$ 174.60	\$1.50
2. Amador City.....	3	27.60	552.90	1.50
3. Antelope.....	1	8.20	184.30	1.50
4. Bridgeport.....	.50	9.70	87.30	
5. Buena Vista.....	1	8.20	184.30	1.50
6. Camp Opia.....	1	8.20	184.30	1.50
7. Carbondale.....	1	8.20	184.30	1.50
8. Charity.....	1	8.20	184.30	1.50
9. Charlestown.....	1	8.20	184.30	1.50
10. Clinton.....	1	17.90	174.60	1.50
11. Drytown.....	2	17.90	368.60	1.50
12. Enterprise.....	1	8.20	184.30	1.50
13. Forest Home.....	1	17.90	174.60	1.50
14. Franklin.....	1	17.90	174.60	1.50
15. Gilbert.....	1	8.20	184.30	1.50
16. Grapevine.....	1	8.20	184.30	1.50
17. Ione.....	4	37.30	737.20	1.50
18. Jackson.....	8	78.50	1472.00	1.50
19. Jackson Valley.....	1	8.20	184.30	1.50
20. Julian.....	1	8.20	184.30	1.50
21. Lancha Plana.....	1	17.90	174.60	1.50
22. Middle Bar.....	17	15	31.33	1.50
23. Middle Fork.....	1	17.90	174.60	1.50
24. Milligan.....	1	8.20	184.30	1.50
25. Mt. Echo.....	1	17.90	174.60	1.50
26. Mt. Springs.....	1	8.20	184.30	1.50
27. New York Ranch.....	1	8.20	184.30	1.50
28. Oleta.....	1	8.20	184.30	1.50
29. Oneida.....	2	37.30	349.20	1.50
30. Pigeon Creek.....	69	5.20	127.16	1.50
31. Pine Grove.....	1	17.90	174.60	1.50
32. Pioneer.....	1	17.90	174.60	1.50
33. Plymouth.....	2	17.90	368.60	1.50
34. Quartz Mt.....	1	17.90	174.60	1.50
35. Slate Creek.....	1	8.20	184.30	1.50
36. Spring Valley.....	1	8.20	184.30	1.50
37. Stony Creek.....	1	17.90	174.60	1.50
38. Sutter Creek.....	4	37.30	737.20	1.50
39. Union.....	1	17.90	174.60	1.50
40. Volcano.....	1	8.20	184.30	1.50
41. Williams.....	1	8.20	184.30	1.50
42. Willow Springs.....	1	17.90	174.60	1.50
Totals.....	58.36	\$657.35	\$10602.99	\$61.50
Amount unapportioned.....				\$146.84

Good Cough Medicine for Children

The season for coughs and colds is now at hand and too much care cannot be used to protect the children. A child is much more likely to contract diphtheria or scarlet fever when he has a cold. The quicker you cure his cold the less the risk. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is the sole reliance of many mothers, and few of those who have tried it are willing to use any other. Mrs. F. F. Starcher, of Kitley, W. Va., says: "I have never used anything other than Chamberlain's cough remedy for my children and it has always given good satisfaction." This remedy contains no opium or other narcotic and may be given as confidently to a child as to an adult. For sale by Jackson Drug Store, Spagnoli, prop.

For that Dull Feeling After Eating

I have used Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets for some time, and can testify that they have done me more good than any tablets I have ever used. My trouble was a heavy dull feeling after eating.—David Freeman, Kempton, Nova Scotia. These tablets strengthen the stomach and improve the digestion. They also regulate the liver and bowels. They are far superior to pills but cost no more. Get a free sample at Spagnoli's drug store and see what a splendid medicine it is.

Don't fail to attend the masquerade ball of the Native Daughters in Jackson New Year's eve.

From Our Exchanges.

On Wednesday of this week C. W. Getchell, proprietor of the Prospect, received from the commissioners, eight dozen Southern California quail, which will be liberated by him as soon as a suitable location is selected. These birds are said to mate readily with our native quail, and the result is a harder bird, slightly larger than the native, and more prolific. Mr. Getchell has been appointed a deputy game warden, under salary, and under the new policy of the commissioners will look after the game protection in this locality. He proposes to enforce the law so far as possible, without fear or favor, and asks the cooperation of all law abiding sportsmen in the endeavor to protect and increase the game of this county. This county from the foothills to the summit is a natural fish and game preserve, and the attention of the commissioners will be given especially to Calaveras from this time forth.—Prospect.

Wm. K. Wilson, a native of Jackson, but for some time a resident of this county died at the county hospital last Monday at the age of 54 years. For several years past he has been engaged in mining near Calaveras, and before that had kept a hotel in Lodi. The funeral was held in San Andreas, the interment being in the People's cemetery.—Prospect.

Choked to Death

is commonly said of babies who have died of the croup. How unnecessary this is. No child ever had the croup without having a cold or cough at the start. If you will stop the first symptom of the cough with Ballard's Horehound Syrup there is no danger whatever of croup. Sold by Rusher's City Pharmacy.

BREAKING UP OF A BUSTED MENAGERIE.

Norris & Rowe's circus and menagerie, which does not winter in Salinas but in Santa Cruz, is about to be sold out in bankruptcy and afford the public a good chance to buy Christmas presents of household pets for those who like that sort of thing. They have filed an inventory of their property with Hon. Ed Martin, referee in bankruptcy at Santa Cruz, and affixed prices to their stock in trade. For instance, their four elephants are marked down to \$1500 each; their lions to \$375, except a lioness which is cheap at \$590; tigers down to \$750; one llama at \$250, one leopard at \$200, a jaguar at \$200, a laughing hyena at \$100; camels at \$250 each, six monkeys for \$200 the bunch, and various other less interesting animals at lower prices that are within the reach of the comparatively poor and socially unimportant. And then there are sleeping cars, advertising cars, an elephant car, stock cars, a steam calliope, Shetland ponies, colts, horses, etc., wardrobes, harnesses, ad infinitum. The whole outfit is valued at \$60,725. The liabilities are \$57,873, of which \$5555 is for wages due employees. It is said that several small shows have been broken off the main aggregation at Santa Cruz and are going through the different valleys of the interior working the towns for a living during the winter.—Salinas Index.

Don't Be Hopeless

about yourself when you're crippled with rheumatism or stiff joints—of course you've tried lots of things and they failed. Try Ballard's Snow Liniment—it will drive away all aches, pains and stiffness and leave you as well as you ever were. Sold by Rusher's City Pharmacy.

Pioneer flour is the best; have no other.

Oldest Human Remains.

What are supposed to be the oldest human remains in existence, have been found by two priests in Chalelle Auz Saints, in Southwest France. They consist of a skull and other bones and M. Perrier, director of the Paris Museum of Natural History, assigns them to the pleistocene or glacial period. The skull shows practically no forehead, but has a larger cavity than that of the monkey, and the chin is unlike the monkey's. The jaw was very long and the face could have shown little mobility. M. Perrier says the owner of such a skull could never have laughed. He is said to belong to the epoch of the Mammoth.

Dr. C. Willard Hayes of the Geological Survey, said at Washington that this latest discovery in France is an additional proof that human life several degrees above the monkey stage co-existed with the glaciers.

Beware of Frequent Colds

A succession of colds or a protracted cold is almost certain to end in chronic catarrh, from which few persons ever wholly recover. Give every cold the attention it deserves and you may avoid this disagreeable disease. How can you cure a cold? Why not try Chamberlain's Cough Remedy? It is highly recommended. Mrs. M. White, of Butler, Tenn., says: "Several years ago I was bothered with my throat and lungs. Someone told me of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. I began using it and it relieved me at once. Now my throat and lungs are sound and well." For sale by Jackson Drug Store, Spagnoli, prop.

IMPRESSING ISABEL.

By ELLIOT WALKER.

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"I'm sure I don't know how I am ever to get out of this scrape." The girl peered helplessly from the antiquated shed, shuddering at the thunder crashes close on the heels of every flash of lightning.

A deluge of rain swept across the wild pastures. The brook, fifty feet away, roared between its alder lined banks.

Upon her wide hat fell a steady drizzle from the leaky roof, and her thin dress was fast dampening in the mist driven shelter.

She forced a laugh. Isabel Lynn was not easily daunted. Of course it was lonely and wet and very shattering to the nerves, but she was perfectly safe. Oh, yes; let her thank her stars to be secure under the friendly boards.

Suddenly a gasp broke from her. She shrank back. Something was coming with leaps through the high weeds growing rankly at the corner of her retreat. Through Isabel's startled brain tore thoughts of dangerous animals. The near mountains might hold anything. She covered into the farthest corner. Surely the thing would go by.

But it didn't. It dashed under the shed, with a loud snort, blowing and shaking vigorously, then stood gazing at the storm, and words came to Isabel's horrified ears in a steady stream of disgusted wrath.

"Well, if this doesn't beat me! Look at my shoes! Look at my new flannel suit! My hat is ruined! The next time I go trawling around on the trail of a girl I'll know it. Foster Allston, you're an unmitigated ass. I guess the charming Miss Lynn will not have the pleasure of meeting you! Girls! Bah! I'll take the first train home. I wish I'd never heard of her."

"So do I!" sounded a voice in his rear. The man jumped and wheeled. He saw a slender, white gowned figure straighten up, take a forward step and then halt. A clasp of thunder drowned his exclamation. Then his jaw fell.

"Did you speak, sir?" indignantly. "I—I tried to. Really, I—I am overjoyed to—to be here, Miss Lynn. Of course you are—you—that is—bless my soul! So unexpected, you know. Quite a shower."

He cut a ridiculous figure in his staring embarrassment, pulling off the wrecked straw hat, bowing in his soaked garments, greatly at loss for words, woefully conscious of what he had said. And he knew that Isabel Lynn had heard him as a model of courtesy and easy manners.

He scraped a hesitating toe in the dirt, smiling idiotically. Was it for this—his fifty mile journey?

"Isabel is extremely particular and sensitive to first impressions," his Aunt Julia had said. "Here is your letter of introduction, Foster. It's silly to go crazy over a photograph, but go ahead. She is worth it. Everything depends upon the way she is approached. I've praised you to her up to the skies."

The girl stepped nearer, eyeing him in scornful amusement. Her eyes were bright with ill concealed desire to humble. The dampness had curled her disordered hair in bewitching rings about her white forehead. Roses shone in the smooth cheeks where sarcastic dimples played.

Allston thought he had never seen a more lovely face nor one so unreadable. Idly swinging her hat, she surveyed him curiously, with a chilling hauteur, which stung him to steady nerves and a reckless impulse to retort.

"When one summers at a farmhouse and takes long strolls an occasional wetting must be expected, Mr. Allston," said Isabel evenly. "You shouldn't mind your new suit or your shoes. Dear me, how childish! I have heard that you could afford to disregard trifles. I wasn't to blame. You needn't have 'trailed' me."

Allston regarded her in silence. There was more than a hint of disappointment in Isabel's tone. Had she been prejudiced in his favor only to react sharply at his boyish outburst?

Surely some humor lay in the situation. Couldn't the girl see it? He reflected dismally that many women never forgive slighting remarks, even when uttered in unmeaning carelessness.

The cool voice went on. "I suppose they told you at the house that I was over this way?" Foster nodded.

"And you never imagined I might be in this shed?" A head shake.

"You must have had me very much on your mind. Were I a big man seeking a lost damsel my idea would be to keep my eyes open for the shelters to which she would sensibly run, not lose my wits in selfish consideration of raiment and then anathematize the lady." She laughed cuttingly.

Allston's countenance was reddening. "Why don't you speak?" The uplift of her chin was a challenge for his reply. She would laugh and forgive him after sufficient reduction.

"I'm thinking," said Allston slowly. "I'm trying to make out what chance I have of—of—" He paused, hesitating. "What chance?" Her eyes opened wide at his seeming audacity.

"Of catching the 6 o'clock train. It is getting late."

"Oh," Isabel looked down, then up. A strange darkness was settling down upon the earth. Both had forgotten the storm, now grumbling back from the south. The man stepped out in the rain. In a moment he returned. His face was set in hard, worried lines. "You'll put on my coat, and we'll get

into the open," said he decidedly. "I may be a fool, but I know something of cloudbursts. This building isn't safe. Quick!"

A sharp command, a clutch beneath her arm, then a rapid hoisting over rough ground, through a pelt of huge drops, to a low stone wall, and Isabel, breathless, felt herself pulled to her knees, while a strong arm clasped her firmly.

Forgetting all save the recognition of superior strength and judgment, appalled by the murky blackness, the reverberating shocks of heaven's artillery thundering over the hills, she nestled against him, with a little cry, as before her frightened gaze a broad sheet of flame showed bending trees flattened to earth and a distant rail fence flung into flying wreckage.

The man held her more tightly with an unconscious pressure. His face was set and steady, tense in his watching, yet filled with that bold, half smiling light seen on the visages of those who fearlessly face danger.

The next bright flare found her eyes meeting his in a look as rapid and intense as the lightning itself. The girl smiled at him as his breath drew in sharply.

"Down!" shouted Allston. "Flat! It's coming. Shut your eyes and hang to my neck."

Isabel did. In the roar of the elements she clung blindly to him, conscious only of a deafening noise and a sense of collapse.

The hush following was broken by Allston's laugh.

"Thought so," he uttered. "Look! Our shed is a heap of sticks, Miss Lynn. That miniature cyclone hit it just right. Well, well, if I hadn't happened to think so much of my clothes!"

"Don't!" said the girl. "Don't, please!"

The man solemnly consulted his watch.

"If we hurry," he observed, "I can get you home and catch my train." Isabel caught his sleeve.

"No," she whispered softly. "I'd rather you would miss it."

Allston's Aunt Julia was speaking of his engagement a month after a bedraggled couple surprised the occupants of a certain farmhouse.

"I don't understand how Foster managed it so quickly," she said. "I find my letter of introduction was not used. He must have made an excellent impression the minute he met Isabel."

Napoleon and the Roman Law.

Napoleon I. had an extraordinary mind. He appeared never to forget anything he cared to remember and assimilated information as the stomach assimilates food, retaining only the valuable. An incident will illustrate this remarkable quality of his mind.

When forming the "Code Napoleon" he frequently astonished the council of state by the skill with which he illustrated any point in discussion by quoting whole passages from memory of the Roman civil law. The council wondered how a man whose life had been passed in camp came to know so much about the old Roman laws. Finally one of them asked him how he acquired his knowledge.

"When I was a lieutenant," Napoleon replied, "I was unjustly placed under arrest. My small prison room contained no furniture except an old chair and a cupboard. In the latter was a ponderous volume, which proved to be a digest of the Roman law. You can easily imagine what a valuable prize the book was to me. It was so bulky and the leaves were so covered with marginal notes in manuscript that had I been confined 100 years I need never have been idle. When I recovered my liberty, at the end of ten days, I was saturated with Justinian and the decisions of the Roman legislation. It was then I acquired my knowledge of the civil law."

Marriage Among the Aztecs.

The Aztecs, the most civilized people of the new world at the time of its discovery, had a curious marriage custom. The ceremony was performed by a priest, who took the hands of the bride and bridegroom, asking them if they would marry.

He then took a corner of the woman's veil and the man's robe and knotted them together, and so they were led to the bridegroom's house. A fresh fire was then kindled on the hearth, and around this fire the priest caused the bride to go seven times. The wedded couple then sat down together, and so was the marriage contracted. An inventory was also made, which the father of the bride afterward retained, of all the man and wife brought together, of furniture for the house, of land, of jewels, ornaments and clothes. Then if it chanced that the couple were divorced (as was common among the Aztecs when man and wife did not agree) they divided the goods according to the portion each had brought to the other, both man and wife having liberty to marry again whom they pleased. Of the children of the marriage the daughters were given to the wife and the sons to the husband. It was enacted upon pain of death that the divorced couple were not again to remarry.

All Details Arranged.

"Dear," whispered the eloping lover, "what shall we do with the rope ladder? We shouldn't leave it hanging there."

"Oh, that's all right," replied the coy damsel. "Pa said he'd pull it up again so we couldn't get back."—Philadelphia Press.

Feminine Logic.

"George, you seem to be losing all control over Jimmie."

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WOOD SUCCESSOR TO JUDGE RUST.

The Sacramento Bee of the 24 December.

The appointment of Fred V. Wood, of Alamo, Contra Costa county, as the successor to the R. C. Rust, superior judge of Amador county, was announced to-day from the governor's office.

In appointing Wood to the vacancy Governor Gillett was influenced in a large measure by a friendship that has extended over a long series of years.

The friendship began in Wisconsin when the governor and Wood lived in the same town and were young together. Since coming to this state this regard has continued, although the governor has made his home in Northern California and Wood in the bay cities.

Wood's experience in official life has been limited to a term as police court judge of Oakland. His office is still in Oakland, but he makes his home in Alamo, Contra Costa county.

In this wise is a bitter fight among the lawyers and the men who do politics settled in Amador county for the time being. The Amador county bar association wanted a successor to Judge Rust appointed from among the lawyers in the county, although no indorsement was made. The republican county central committee wanted the appointee to come from outside the county, one who would bring strength to the republican ticket.

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Ocean Lighting Lamps.—Where Do the Forests Get the Water?—Energy of a Flat Wheel's Pounding.—Artificial Ivory.—Fixing Child Labor by the Bones.—A Train-Stop for Fogs.—Fiber from the Sea.—Printed Fabrics with Two Sides.—Dandelion Milk.

For bombs to light up the sea at a distance from a vessel, the newest form comprises two cylindrical wooden shells, telescoping together, the inner shell being filled with unmixed calcium carbide, calcium phosphide and gunpowder, and having an iron head at one end and an orifice for the escape of gas at the other. On leaving the gun, the outer cylinder at once falls off, the other continuing the flight alone. As this shell rises after its plunge into the sea, the water entering causes acetylene to be evolved from the carbide and hydrogen phosphide from the calcium phosphide, and the pyrogenous phosphide ignites spontaneously, setting fire to the acetylene. The flame is inextinguishable, even by a high sea. It is claimed that the brilliant light of 2,000 candle-power will last three hours, and that the bombs can be projected two miles or more. Though this light has advantages over the searchlight, however, it is not a complete substitute on account of the more limited area lighted.

The great influence of forests on rainfall is always conceded, but probably few have understood that we are so thoroughly dependent on forests for the moisture that makes rain as is argued by a forestry authority in India. The water transpired from a forest is computed to be 600 times the amount evaporated from a water area of the same extent. Assuming the water surface of the globe to be three times the land area, and that forests cover one-quarter of the land, it will be seen that the moisture given off by the forests is many times that from the whole water surface.

A wear of less than 0.05 inch of metal, giving a flat spot 2½ inches long on a 33-inch car-wheel, is found by Prof. Hancock of Purdue University to cause the rail to be struck with an energy of 1,000 foot-pounds when the wheel is carrying 6,000 pounds at 30 miles an hour, while the same flat wheel under a 55 ton inter-urban car running 60 miles an hour will give a hammer blow of 9,500 foot pounds.

The closest imitation of ivory yet produced is claimed to result from a new process in which a mixture is made of 100 parts of caustic lime, 300 of water, 75 of phosphoric acid solution of a specific gravity of 1.05, 16 of calcium carbonate, 1 to 2 of magnesia, 5 of alum, and 15 of gelatine. The materials being thoroughly mixed, the phosphoric acid is allowed to act on the chalk for a day. The plastic mass, which may be given any desired color, is shaped in molds, and may be used for billiard balls, knife handles and an endless variety of other objects. After heating a short time in an air current at 320 degrees F., the articles are laid aside for three or four weeks for thorough seasoning. It is asserted that the product has practically the same composition and hardness of genuine ivory, and that it must largely take the place of the natural substance that is so rapidly disappearing through the passing of the elephant.

Children differ in development, and Dr. T. M. Kotch has pointed out that the present method of regulating child labor by age is unscientific and unsatisfactory. One child may be as well developed and capable of endurance at 13 as another several years older. He proposes that the X-rays be used in estimating the capacity of the young and immature, as sufficient study will make it practicable to gauge physical condition by the state of development of the bones of the body, and thus give a rational basis for determining what work may be permitted.

The new automatic stop of two English inventors is arranged to shut off the steam of a locomotive and apply the vacuum brake without aid from either engineer or fireman. An inclined plane is fixed between the rails, and when the signal is set at danger, this inclined plane is so raised that it comes in contact with a lever in the engine that acts on the steam regulator and applies the brakes throughout the train. In the tests made it has been shown that a train could be quickly brought to a stop in a fog or storm hiding the usual signals.

The new fiber plant of South Australia—Posidonia Australis—grows over many square miles of the bottom of Spencer Gulf, and in the preliminary

work of the syndicates formed to exploit it, the growth is found to approach within three or four feet of the surface of the water, having a length of about 12 feet. Collecting will be done with a special dredge, carrying complete accommodation for washing, drying and packing. The fiber, resembling jute tow, is strong, almost unflammable, freely takes up dye, and is expected to prove of great value for upholstering material, sacks for corn, bags for ore, ropes, twine, felting, tapestry, linoleum, packing, substituting for cow's hair in mortar for plastering, calking ships, stuffing saddles, and many other purposes.

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Feeding dandelions to cows has been investigated by J. P. Wagner, a Belgian, who finds that the yield of milk is not increased, as has been so widely believed, while butter is impaired in flavor and keeping qualities. The presence of dandelions in pastures is one of many causes of difficulty in making butter of high grade in the spring and early summer. A large quantity of dandelions in hay is similarly harmful, and it is urged that farmers take the trouble of weeding their pastures and hay fields if they can possibly do so.

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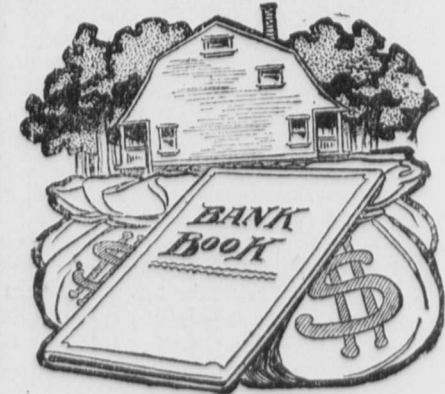
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I am a judge on the bench.

One morning when I was disposing of a number of cases, any one of which would make a refined and tender heart bleed, I saw a young couple, evidently still in their teens, come into the courtroom. Both looked sullen, and the girl wife especially wretched. Both were poorly clad, a consequence, I judged, of difficulties between them. The young husband gave every evidence of being able to make a living for himself and his wife except for some especial obstacle. The wife had a sweet face and was very pretty. While sitting on the seat of judgment, sending hardened criminals to their punishment, I kept my eye on this couple. Experience told me that one had come to make some complaint of the other's treatment; but, familiar as I was with real guilt, I knew that it did not belong to either. When I had disposed of the bulk of my cases I called the couple before me and without inviting either to state the difficulty between them I asked:

"How long have you two been married?"

"Just one year today," replied the girl sadly.

"And this is the anniversary of your wedding day. You come here with what you consider a trouble. Do you know that you have no trouble?"

There was no reply to this. Both stood mutely belying my statement by the misery of their appearance and the expression on their faces.

"How old are you?" I asked the husband.

"Nineteen, your honor."

"And you?" of the girl.

"Seventeen."

What should I do with this boy and girl to turn their antagonism into forgiveness and affection? Suddenly it came to me as an inspiration from heaven.

"Sit down there, side by side, and think pleasant things of each other. Mind, you are not to think anything disagreeable. If such things come into your heads, drive them out at once and begin again on something affectionate."

They did as I bid them, while I proceeded with the remaining cases to come before me. I still had my eye on them and found them an interesting study. The husband sat for awhile with a lowering brow, but he was evidently trying to do my bidding, and after awhile I noticed that it had relaxed. The wife apparently found it easier to think pleasantly of him, and presently I saw her steal a glance at him. It was anxious, pleading, loving. His hand was on the seat and partly covered by her skirts. Hers disappeared from view, and I knew that it rested on his. I waited a moment to see if he would withdraw his, and when he did not I knew that the case was won.

A pleasurable feeling came over my hardened judicial heart, and, looking from this comparatively innocent pair to creatures into whom only divinity could inject a mite of the good, I wished that I might be endowed with such divine power. I sent one who had inherited sin and had lived since birth in its environment to jail, another to the workhouse, a third I dismissed with a warning. Men and women, even children, I disposed of mercilessly. Then when I had attended to all I called the young couple before me.

"This is the anniversary of your wedding," I said. "You remember how happy you were on that day. You remember," to the husband, "how pretty she looked. Well, she is as pretty today, only senseless bickerings have kept you from work, and she is not so well dressed. And you," to the wife, "don't bother him about unimportant things, nor importune him, but dust trouble off him every day as you dust your rooms. It is the wife's part. Now go and celebrate your first wedding anniversary."

They turned away, but I noticed that there was something on the man's mind. The wife came back and whispered to me:

"He has nothing to celebrate with."

I put my hand in my pocket and drew forth some bills. "This is for the supper," I said, "and this for theater tickets. Have a good time and don't ever come here again on such an errand."

As they left me the man had an abashed look, while his young wife's face was wreathed in smiles. As I looked at them I felt the justice in my charge to the girl that it was her part to ward trouble from her husband. Whatever he felt he had no ability to show; what she felt was as plain as the sun in heaven.

The case, though different from the thousands that came before me and refreshing as it was, had passed out of my mind when one day on taking my seat for my day's work I saw on my desk a cheap glass vase containing a bunch of ordinary flowers. Before it rested a card on which was written: "From the garden of our happy home. Second wedding anniversary of John and Mary Hilton."

Having no remembrance of John and Mary Hilton, I gazed at the plebeian gift puzzled. Looking up, I saw at the farther end of the courtroom a girl waving a handkerchief and smiling. Her face was familiar, and I knew she was bent on attracting my attention. Then it came over me that she was one of the couple I had by my simple expedient saved from a marital separation and its consequent miseries.

Once a year I find flowers on my desk, and once a year I am buoyed to endure the melancholy work which Providence has assigned me.

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THE DISASTER IN ITALY.

The Southern part of Italy was swept by an earthquake on Tuesday last which for destructiveness is unparalleled in modern history. The center of the shock seems to have been about the straits of Messina, separating the island of Sicily from the Italian main land. Messina and most of the cities along either side of the straits, were partially or wholly destroyed. The region is thickly settled, the land thereabouts being exceedingly fertile. The loss of life is estimated at from 50,000 to 150,000. The latter estimate is probably an exaggeration, as first estimated of such catastrophes usually are, but there can be no doubt that an appalling calamity has fallen upon that portion of Italy. The property loss will perhaps equal, if not exceed that of the earthquake and fire of San Francisco. The heaviest loss in life and property was not directly caused by the quaking earth, although in itself that was a fearful calamity. Fire was the principal agent of destruction in San Francisco. But in this Italian horror, earthquake, water and fire conspired to work the havoc, water being the most destructive element. A tidal wave, 30 feet high swept over the doomed cities, carrying everything before it. There was no escape from such an onset. The vicinity of this calamity has been the scene of great natural volcanic disturbances from early time. Situated between the two great volcanoes of Vesuvius and Etna, earthquakes and volcanic eruptions are of frequent occurrence. It seems singular that so deadly a region where a quarter of a million lives have been lost by similar disasters within the last 200 years should be sought for human habitation. But the situation for commerce in commanding, and so long as this is the case men will brave the perils of earthquakes, in the hope of course that a visitation of this character will not occur during their lives.

New York, the first city in the land, the home of millionaires and expert financiers, of Wall street and Tammany, is practically bankrupt and is likely to remain so for many years to come. The politicians are being blamed for its condition. When New York and Brooklyn became Greater New York, ten years ago, the net funded indebtedness was \$246,698,884. Now it is \$636,000,000. The available credit of the city is only 8½ million. Possibly the wave of reform and investigation, which started in at San Francisco and is now doing business in Pittsburg, may reach as far east as New York and accomplish something.

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Who Won the Wine?

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Montgomery Stout's business often keeps him late at his office, and at times when funds come in after bank hours he carries them home with him. A street car line passes within a few minutes' walk of his house, and in this distance lies the only danger. He carries a revolver, but what use is a weapon when one is dropped by a rap on the back of his head?

Stout was one of a younger set of men in his suburb who were together a great deal and constantly joking one another. He talked to them about his nocturnal trips home, his fear of footpads and what he hoped to accomplish in case of attack. One night when he was passing a dimly lighted place between the street car line and his house he was seized from behind by both arms, a hand was thrust in his pocket and \$500 in bills taken, together with his revolver, so that when the robbers ran away he had no weapon with which to pursue them.

On reaching his house he found several of his friends, whom he excitedly told of his adventure and his loss. They sympathized with him deeply, and while doing so two others of the set, Mark Hamlin and Ben Turner, walked in. Stout was somewhat surprised to find callers so late at night—it was 11 o'clock—but, after all, there was nothing remarkable in their visit. After listening to his account of the robbery and asking many questions, Mark Hamlin handed him the pocket-book of which he had been robbed and confessed himself the robber.

Then there was a general lull. Stout brought out drinkables and cigars, and all agreed that a very amusing and practical joke had been played.

Some months after this Stout was again on his way home at night, this time with \$1,000 in his pocket that had come in late, when at the very same spot as before he heard the order:

"Hands up!"
At the same time he felt the cold muzzle of a gun near his ear and hands relieving him of everything he possessed. Then the man with the gun said to him:

"You walk around the block before you go home and remember that you're watched. Any attempt to use a telephone for the next half hour will result in a hole in you."

Now, the threat was lost on Mr. Stout, for he knew it had only been made as a bluff. The robbers would not be likely to wait to see that he completed his walk. Besides, the voice that gave the order was very like that of Mark Hamlin.

"Just wait a bit, my fine fellow," thought Stout, "and we'll see whom the joke is on this time."

He was within a stone's throw of his house. Daring to it, he went in, got a revolver—the robbers had taken the one he carried—ran back on tiptoe to find them dividing the spoil under a gas light.

"Hands up!" he yelled in a stentorian voice.

There were but two men, and both raised their hands.

"Leave the things on the sidewalk," cried Stout, "and, mind, no lowering of hands."

Stout said this to gain time to think. The men remained motionless.

"Now turn your backs and go on down the street."

The men hesitated, then after a word with each other did as they were told. Stout followed till he came to his property, picked up every article, then fired his revolver.

At the shot the robbers took to their heels, and Stout went home and to bed chuckling at the way he had got even with his practical joking friends.

The next morning he telephoned "the gang" that Hamlin would break a bottle of wine at noon at a popular restaurant, telephoning Hamlin also to be there. At half past 12 all had arrived except Hamlin, who came a few minutes later.

"My friends," said Stout, "this practical joking has gone far enough. I drove off two of you last night and recovered the property you had taken. One of the two I know. Mark Hamlin, you owe me and this party the wine."

"I? The wine? What do you mean?"

"I mean this: When you played your game on me some time ago and I found the boys at my house, you and Bill Turner coming in later with my pocketbook, I took the joke good naturedly and opened my larder. Last night I turned the tables, drove you away and recovered my property. You owe the wine."

Hamlin stood gaping at his friend in astonishment.

"Do you mean to say I robbed you last night?"

"Come, no bluffing! I made you and your pal, whoever he was, drop the swag. I got it and fired a shot after you to scare you, at which you took to your heels."

Hamlin continued to gape, but the others told him to own up like a man and pay the wine. He made another offer at a denial, but being met with the cry of "Shame!" pushed the button and ordered in champagne. For an hour there was a merry party—all except Hamlin, who never opened his mouth, bearing the chaff of his friends without irritation. At the end of the feast he said:

"I give you all my word of honor that I had no connection whatever with this robbery."

Then the party looked at one another. "For heaven's sake," exclaimed Stout, "did I get the better of a pair of real robbers?"

And there was an explosion of laughter.

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THE MIRROR.

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Rena Yeoti was to be married to Johan Tephold. Rena was pretty as a picture and was the envy of all the girls of the village, and all the young men envied Johan his possession of her.

But on the day of the wedding as the young pair were leading a procession to the little church an officer of the law stepped up to Rena and laid a rough hand on her shoulder. She, the groom, the peasant attendants, stood aghast. But the officer, never faltering in his duty, led her away and locked her up in a cell.

Instead of becoming a bride Rena became a convict. Her lover, convinced of her guilt, turned away from her when the judge pronounced the sentence, and she went to her prison home without a word of either sympathy or reproach from him. Only her poor mother befriended her, wept over her, encouraged her.

Rena in prison fell into a stupor. She hardly knew when it was day and when it was night. She hardly thought. After awhile she began to realize her position. She raved and tried to dash out her brains against the wall of her cell. But a sudden thought came over her—a thought with which was allied a heaven born hope. Her beauty—would she destroy it? What use would it ever be to her? Then a possible future reunion with the lover who had come so near being her husband occurred to her. In ten years she would be free.

She knew that she was innocent, and she knew the girl who had committed the crime for which she was accused. But what could she, a prisoner, do to prove the real criminal? For ten years her hands would be tied. Then perhaps she could begin to weave the thread of evidence. And if she succeeded? Suppose Johan were still without a sweetheart? Ah, then she would need her beauty. She would not mar it by striking her head against the wall.

From that moment her looks were all to her. But there was no way of watching it to note if it waned. One article of toilet was denied the women prisoners, a mirror. Often they would plead with their jailers for the coveted glass, but it was never granted them. As the years passed Rena more and more longed to see a reflection of her features. She asked her fellow prisoners if her comeliness were growing less. The most kindly of them told her that she was every day more beautiful. A few inhuman beings told her she was growing homely. Which should she believe? Oh, for a bit of mirror, even the tiniest, to get one glimpse of her face!

Rena was seventeen when she was sentenced and had served nine years without ever having had that glimpse. Her hair had been cut when she entered the prison and was not long enough for her to see it. One day a hair came out in her hand. It was white. She pulled out another. It, too, was white. They were all white. A prison official came along the corridor. She stretched forth her hands and with streaming eyes implored him to bring her for just one moment a mirror. He shook his head and passed on.

The tenth year had half passed and Rena was looking forward to freedom and a possible vindication when one day an official came to her and told her that the girl who had committed the crime was dead and before her death she had confessed all to a priest. As soon as the formal legal papers could be executed the innocent one would be permitted to leave the prison.

Then came word from Johan that he had loved Rena always, though he had believed her guilty. He had tried to conquer his love, but it had grown stronger each year. He would not be free to come to her till the next day, but he would come then.

Rena dreaded the meeting. When her lover would see that her beauty had gone, that her hair was white, he would surely turn away from her. She did not ask for a mirror now; she dreaded to see what her face was like. She would wait and note by her lover's expression when he saw her whether it was pleasing or disagreeable.

The hours till he came were hours of torture. She had but little hope that any of her beauty remained and believed that her face was as wrinkled as her hair was white. But wait. She would see what it was in Johan's eyes. She sent word to him to bring a mirror when he came.

Johan was there at last. A jailer came to Rena's cell and said she was wanted. He led her to a reception room, where she stood alone. A door opened, and a man with grizzly hair and a habitual melancholy stamped on his face entered. He stopped, looked at Rena eagerly as though confused between two pictures—pictures of the then and the now. Presently a pleasurable expression began to steal over his features as a pleasing dawn rises in the sky, and, starting forward, he took her in his arms.

"My—my"—she gasped—"is it all gone, Johan? For the love of God tell me, and tell me truly!"

"It is different, sweetheart. There is a splendid contrast of young face and snowy hair. Here, look for yourself."

He held up a mirror. Rena turned away her face.

"Don't be afraid. You will be pleased."

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